



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

Applicant:  
Richard Blackmore et al.

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Examiner: Steven P. Maki

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This paper is presented in response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2003.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the action dated October 9, 2003 for three (3) months from January 9, 2004 to April 9, 2004. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$475.00 in payment of the required extension fee. Separately attached hereto is the Applicant's response, including Amended Claims and Remarks.

Respectfully Submitted

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